

Daily Nebraskan

January 17, 1994

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Vol. 93 No. 83

SPORTS

Leaping the Kangaroos

Spurred by aggressive defense, Nebraska rips the University of Missouri-Kansas City, 92-71, for its 11th straight win.

Page 7



Monday

01-25

Blustery and very cold with scattered flurries.

Board approves new chairman, EPA fines

Regent: NU neglects governing structure

By Jeffrey Robb
Senior Editor

Charles Wilson said he wanted to use his new position as chairman of the NU Board of Regents to refocus the board's attention to the university's proper governing structure.

The regents unanimously voted to approve Wilson of Lincoln as the new chairman at its meeting Saturday. Wilson, the only regent nominated for the position, replaces John Payne of Kearney who was chairman for two years.



Wilson

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo was elected vice chairwoman. Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha declined a nomination for the position.

Recently, Wilson said, the University of Nebraska had neglected to follow the structure it bases itself on — one university with a strong president.

He said the NU campuses and the regents had taken it upon themselves to tackle issues that should have gone through other channels.

"The board is supposed to function through the president," Wilson said after the meeting. "I don't think the board should act independently

or directly with the chancellors ... the board as a governing body hires the president to administer this institution.

"I think it's important that we honor the governing structure."

Regents need to follow proper procedure when bringing issues before the board, Wilson said.

He said the board needed to avoid situations like last fall, when O'Brien and Skrupa suggested NU consider the possibility of adding an engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. O'Brien and Skrupa bypassed NU President Martin Massengale and administration and went straight to the board, he said.

Wilson said the university couldn't divert into a federation of campuses. Some campus construction projects have led to that breakdown, he said.

The first step in realigning the proper structure, Wilson said, could be to create a smooth transition for new NU president Dennis Smith.

"We need to make sure the changing to Dr. Smith as president succeeds," Wilson said. "I think it's very important that the board very early has extensive and serious dialogue with the president-elect, to sit down and talk to make sure he understands what the board expects of him from his role as president."

The board needs to include the president in all discussions, including those that involve the regents, the university or the Legislature, he

See WILSON on 3

University avoids \$5 million penalty

By Jeffrey Robb
Senior Editor

The NU Board of Regents averted a possible \$5 million penalty from the Environmental Protection Agency on Saturday by voting unanimously to enter into a settlement agreement.

The tentative agreement would total more than \$600,000 and settle EPA allegations that NU violated federal environmental regulations. If the university had decided against settling, it could have faced paying \$5 million in damages, EPA officials said.

NU REGENTS



After routine inspections, the EPA found the university to be violating regulations regarding storage and labeling of waste, personnel training, emergency planning and burning of waste in an incinerator.

NU President Martin Massengale has said none of the alleged violations resulted in damage to the environment or the health and safety of any individuals.

NU General Counsel Richard Wood and Special Counsel Judy Roots said the university was disputing all charges, but advised the uni-

versity to accept the settlement or risk higher fines and drawn-out hearings.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln would pay \$76,350 in fines and \$152,700 for a computer chemical tracking system. The University of Nebraska Medical Center would pay the rest of the settlement.

Chairman Charles Wilson of Lincoln said the university would continue to negotiate further, and the settlement should be finalized within two months.

"We want to get on top of this and become a model program for nuclear and hazardous waste," he said.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said entering into a settlement wasn't an admission of guilt by the university.

The regents held a one-hour closed session before the meeting to discuss strategy for further negotiations.

The settlement proposal could change, but Wilson said he hoped the amount would go down.

Wilson said the university had problems with the complexity of the environmental regulations. Two agencies, the EPA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, created different regulations.

Because the agreement was still pending, Wilson said he couldn't comment further.

Regents also approved a plan to install video screens in Memorial Stadium. The project will cost \$4.5 million, but will be paid entirely by

See REGENTS on 3



Jeff Haller/DN

George Thorn, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student, speaks at a Martin Luther King Jr. candlelight vigil, while Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members hold candles Saturday night in the Nebraska Union.

Ceremony celebrates King's dream

Candlelight vigil honors leader in civil rights

By Cami Walker
Staff Reporter

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that black children and white children someday would join hands and walk together as brothers and sisters.

Though progress has been made since King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech 30 years ago, his vision has not been realized yet, said Dwayne Mays, who spoke Saturday night at a candlelight vigil honoring King.

"We've come a long way since Dr. King made that speech," Mays said. "But when we look around us today, we see violence and crime,

high unemployment — especially among blacks and people of color — and a general degradation of the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

"This brings the realization that Dr. King's dream is not reality," said Mays, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which sponsored the vigil.

Mays told a crowd of more than 40 people that it was important to keep alive King's dream of equality for all people.

"Young people need to realize that the lives they enjoy today are the results of sacrifices of persons like Dr. King," he said.

Young people cannot become complacent, Mays said. They must continue to challenge themselves and others to further peace and equality.

The vigil paid tribute to King's goals and ideals, recognized other

champions of the civil rights movement and reminded people of the war being waged today for equality, Alpha Phi Alpha member Torry Garland said.

Because King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the fraternity has sponsored the event for the past two years, he said.

"We feel a certain pride and closeness to him," Garland said. "It is only proper that we give him tribute here tonight."

Ten-degree weather forced those attending the vigil into the Nebraska Union, but candles were still lit to honor King's birthday. The candles also symbolized a ray of hope for African Americans in their struggle for equality, Garland said.

Mays said cooperation, not violence, was the best way to solve problems between people.

Selfishness causes many of those problems, Mays said. Those who

have overcome obstacles need to reach out to their neighbors and help them do the same, he said.

"Some people feel they have achieved their full potential, but all are capable of betterment ... The struggle must go on to realize the dream of true equality," he said.

Alpha Phi Alpha member Reggie Chandler said young people had an important role to play if King's dream would someday be realized.

"The most important thing we can do is not to forget the dream of equality," he said.

But remembering isn't enough, Chandler said. People have to add to King's dream and make equality a goal of this generation, he said.

Learning about other cultures and finding common ground for discussion and cooperation to solve conflicts and overcome ignorance are important first steps, he said.

Spacecraft may move to Devaney

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

The Apollo 009 space capsule may have found a new home, thanks to a UNL student's note to the chancellor's office.

Graduate student Michael Amundson wrote a letter to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier in September, suggesting the space capsule be moved from an East Campus storage shed to a corner mezzanine in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said the Athletic Department was involved in a study to review the use of its space. The Apollo 009 plan would have to be incorporated into the study, he said.

Athletic Director Bill Byrne said Sunday the athletic department was in the process of developing the study, which would not be complete for another six months.

"We just learned of the interests of the chancellor's office," Byrne said.

Howe said the placement of the capsule in the sports center presented some unique problems. For one, the capsule would take up most of one corner mezzanine.

"It's not like you're taking a little corner and putting a basketball up in a Plexiglas case," he said. "You've taken up a good chunk of space."

The sports center was not one of the buildings originally considered as a location for the capsule, Howe said. The Walter Scott Engineering Building initially had been planned to house the capsule, but there wasn't a door big enough for it.

An East Campus storage shed, where the capsule sits, is the only facility with doors big enough to house the capsule, Howe said.

If a door big enough does not exist in the sports center, Howe said it would be impossible to put the capsule there.

See APOLLO on 3